

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 2 and ending at line 9, as follows:

--The demultiplexer 103 reads channel information relating to the channel selected by the operation through the operation unit 113 from a channel memory 104, and extracts the image data D1 and the sound data D2 from the TS data, based on the read channel information. Channel information relating to channels which can be seen, such as free channels, subscribed channels and the like, is written in the channel memory 104 in a state ~~of~~ corresponding to respective channel numbers. The details of the information stored in the channel memory 104 will be described later.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 7, line 4 and ending at line 9, as follows:

--When there is a request for transmission of program data ~~is~~ provided from the VTR unit 200, the demultiplexer 103 extracts image data and sound data relating to the program currently being broadcasted in a channel for which the request for transmission has been provided, from the TS data input from the descrambler 102, and outputs the extracted data to an IF (interface) unit 115.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 7, line 23 and ending at page 8, line 1, as follows:

--The control unit 112 includes a microprocessor, and controls the demultiplexer 103, a display unit 114, the IF unit 115 and ~~or~~ the like in accordance with an

operation through the operation unit 113 having various operation switches, for example, for selecting a channel, and turning on the power supply of the apparatus.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 8, line 13 and ending at line 18, as follows:

--The VTR unit 200 has an internal recording mode of recording a signal received by an incorporated tuner unit 201, an external recording mode of recording a signal received by the tuner unit 101 of the STB unit 100, and an other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode of displaying a signal received by the incorporated tuner unit 201 on an external display device and recording a signal received by the tuner unit 101 of the STB unit 100.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 2 and ending at line 12, as follows:

--The operation unit 213 has an other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode button (not shown). The control unit 212 performs switching to the other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode in accordance with depression of the other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode button by the user. When the other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode button is depressed by the user while a channel receivable in the STB unit 100 is assigned, the control unit 212 switches the mode to the other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode. When the other-program ~~another-program~~ recording mode button is depressed by the user while a channel receivable in the tuner unit

201 incorporated in the VTR unit 200 is assigned, the control unit 212 switches the mode to the internal recording mode.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 18 and ending at line 18, as follows:

--Next, ~~the~~ operation in the external recording mode will be described.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 19 and ending at line 22, follows:

--First, ~~the an~~ IF unit 215 outputs channel information written in the channel memory 104, which has been input from the IF unit 115 in the above-described manner, to a channel memory 219. The channel memory 219 stores the channel information input from the IF unit 215.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 17 and ending at line 18, as follows:

--Next, ~~the~~ operation in the other-program another-program recording mode will be described.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 11, line 19 and ending at page 12, line 1, as follows:

--The control unit 212 switches the mode to the other-program another-program recording mode by the depression of the other-program another-program recording mode switch, switch as described above, and sets a recording channel in order to record the assigned channel receivable in the STB unit 100. The control unit 212 also controls a display unit 214 so that a desired channel can be selected from among channels receivable in the tuner unit 201 incorporated in the VTR unit 200. The display unit 214 fixedly displays the channel of the STB unit 100 set as the recording channel, and selectively displays a channel receivable in the tuner unit 201 incorporated in the VTR unit 200.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 13, line 15 and ending at line 18, as follows:

--In digital TV broadcasting, in order to receive a channel selected by the user, it is necessary to obtain PSI (program specific information) data mostly called a PAT (program association map table), a PMT (program map table) or an NIT (network information table).--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 14, line 9 and ending at line 12, as follows:

--The control unit 112 also extracts the number of the channel contained in the currently received TS and the PID of the PMT PMD corresponding to the channel number from the PAT contained in the TS received by the tuner unit 101.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 20, line 26 and ending at page 21, line 3, as follows:

--In step S401, it is determined if the flag indicating the state of the channel memory 219 is F3 = 0. If It the result of the determination in step S401 is affirmative, the process proceeds to step S412. If the result of the determination in step S401 is negative, the process proceeds to step S402.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 26, line 9 and ending at line 13, as follows:

--The digital storage 300 is connected to the STB units 100 and 400, receives and inputs EPG data input from received by the respective STB units, via an IF unit 311, and stores the received input data in the channel memory 301 and a channel memory 302, respectively. The timing of input of the EPG data is the same as in the first embodiment, and data is always updated with latest EPG data.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 27, line 25 and ending at page 28, line 4, as follows:

--As described above, in the second embodiment, since EPG data received by the STB unit 100 is stored in the digital storage 300, it is possible to select a channel in the STB unit 100 ~~only~~ by ~~an~~ operation of the digital storage 300 alone, or by ~~an~~ operation of an external apparatus connected to the digital storage 300. Accordingly, recording and reservation of picture recording can be performed by an easy operation.--